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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a file device and file access method that divides a file into units of clusters or blocks and records, and has as its object to provide a file device and file access method such that even when there is a failure and the data is not recorded correctly to the end the data that has been recorded can be accessed. When recording a file to an external storage device 402 divided among a plurality of blocks, the blocks that are to record the file are pre-allocated in the external storage device 402, management information 443 that indicates the allocated blocks is created and the management information 443 is recorded in the external storage device 402, after which the data that makes up the file is recorded in the external storage device 402.